

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 3, 2004, was carefully reviewed. Claims 3, 4, 10, 11 and 14 are amended herein. Claims 1, 2, and 9 are cancelled. Claims 3-8, and 10-17 remain in the application. It is respectfully requested the Examiner reconsider the present application in light of the remarks herein.

The Examiner objected to the title of the specification as not being descriptive and requested a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention. The Examiner also requested that minor typographical errors be identified and corrected throughout the specification. Errors were found at paragraphs [0006], [0010], and [0016].

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 7, 9, 10 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,961,151 to Early et al., hereinafter Early. The Examiner rejected claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatenable over Early.

The Examiner indicated allowable subject matter in claims 4-6, and 11-13. Claim 4 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claims 1 and 2, and claims 3, 7 and 8 now depend from allowable claim 4. Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 9 and claim 10 now depends from allowable claim 11. It is respectfully asserted that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable claims 4 and 11. It is respectfully requested the Examiner consider including these amended claims in the Notice of Allowance.

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It is respectfully requested the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance for the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments that may place the application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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